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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the office action dated December 30, 2005, applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and comments into the file of this application.

Claim amendments appear herein starting on page 2.

Remarks discussing the amendments to the claims appears herein starting on page 17.

No fees are believed to be due for the filing of this amendment, but please charge any required fees to Winston & Strawn LLP deposit account no. 50-1814.